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High schooler Nao is in love with his best friend, Taira, but is adamant about keeping his feelings secret. When Taira begins to notice a change in his friend, will Nao deny his feelings or accept them? Meanwhile, Makino has a history of bad luck when it comes to love, but because he only dates guys of a certain "type." Will he learn that loving is more than just physical attraction when the devoted Sasaki admits his feelings? And when Yoshino receives a romantic confession from his close friend, Yamazaki, will his fears about being lovers come true? Can he reconcile Yamazaki as his friend with Yamazaki as his lover? More heart-warming stories by Kiyo Ueda are contained within.

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AH!
TAIRA....!

E!
H
SHUDDER
ニ

HAAH

HAAH

MAN...

HOW
DISGUSTING.

"MY LOVE,
THOUGH I TRY
TO HIDE IT,
SHOWS COLOR
ON MY FACE..."

"SO CLEARLY
THAT PEOPLE
NOTICE AND
QUESTION."



the COLOR OF LOVE













HEY, DID YOU AND
TAIRA HAVE A FIGHT
OR SOMETHING?



O-DID I DO
SOMETHING
WRONG?!



...NO.

BUT I
HAVEN'T
SEEN YOU
TOGETHER
LATELY.

GROUP



FLINCH

TAIRA'S
BEEN...



!!

WHAT'S A
TAIRA DO THAT
TO THAT?

OH WELL...
YOU HAVE A
GIRLFRIEND
ANYWAY.



ジャン
プ

Sob

FRIENDS AND
GIRLFRIENDS
ARE TOTALLY
DIFFERENT!!

NOW CAN YOU
COMPLAIN
WHEN YOU'VE
GOT THAT
BABY?

SHAPPO

...AVOIDING
ME.



WE'LL
GROW
FURTHER
AND
FURTHER
APART.

...TAIRA WILL
GO TO
COLLEGE FOR
SPORTS.

IN HALF A
YEAR...



I JUST WANTED TO
STAY WITH YOU AS
A FRIEND.

I NEVER
INTENDED TO
TELL YOU HOW
I FEEL.



IT'S ALL
RIGHT.

I WON'T GET
CAUGHT.



VOOM

I EVEN HAVE A
GIRLFRIEND NOW.

GOING
BACK TO
THE GYM

KA-CHING

LET'S TAKE A
DIFFERENT
ROUTE HOME
TODAY.

HEV,
YOSHIZAWA-
KUN.

NO MATTER
HOW I TRY TO
THINK OF
SOMETHING...

IF WE GO
THIS WAY...

...YOSHIZAWA-
KUN?

I CAN'T.

HEV...
WHAT'S
WRONG?

OH
NO...

HEV!

I JUST
DON'T
KNOW...

HUH?

"I'LL GET YOU
SOMETHING
TO DRINK.
JUST RELAX
THERE FOR
A SECOND!"



I HELPED
THEM COVER
UP THEIR
TEACHER-
STUDENT
RELATIONSHIP.

BUT WE KEPT
UP THE ACT
ANYWAY.

WELL YOU
KNOW...

WE'D GO
HOMELIKE.

HE CAME
BACK GIVING
"PLEASE
BREAK
UP WITH
YOSHIZAWA."

IN THE END,
KUNO GOT BACK
TOGETHER WITH
TAKARASHI.



DID I...

...REALLY DO
SOMETHING
WRONG...?



I SAW HER ON
A DATE WITH
TAKAHASHI.







THE WEATHER REPORT SAID IT'D BE SUNNY ALL DAY, AND YET IT STARTED POURING THE MINUTE I LEFT THE GARDEN SHOP.

A LUCKY SUNDAY IN MAY.

DAMN IT.

AT LEAST IT DIDN'T START RAINING DURING THE CEREMONY.

KMP

AA...!

ギョウ
GLIMP

B-BECAUSE...

FUMBLE

FLUSTERED

W-WHY ARE YOU GIVING?!

N-NAO?!

NAO...

YOU LOVE ME, DON'T YOU?

I CAN SAY IT...

CAN'T I...?

WE CAN'T
HIDE IT,
AFTER
ALL...

YEAH...

THE COLOR OF
LOVE IS ON OUR
FACES.

COLOR OF LOVE / END



ドカッ
WHAM

YOUR PLACE
HASN'T
CHANGED
MUCH.



SO...TELL ME
WHAT HAPPENED.



USH-
SABA-

MAKINO

HELP
ME~!!!

MAKI-
CHAN!
♡

WAHH!

-KI!

WELL,
LIKE THEY SAY:
"WHEN IT RAINS
IT POURS."

理想の恋人
he loves Love







ARE...
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?

WE FIRST
MET FOUR
YEARS AGO,
IN THE
BATHROOM
OF A CLUB.



I'M NOT
THE TYPE
TO SCREW
AROUND
IN THE
BATHROOM,
BUT...

THUMP

SHIT, THAT
BASTARD...

AH...

SLUMP

I LET...
MY GUARD
DOWN...

UW...

DO I
LOOK
ALL
RIGHT?

JUST
GIVE ME
A HAND.

YEAH,
SORRY.

GRAB



I LOVE YOU
MORE THAN
ANYONE.

MAE-
CHAN...

AHH...!

THRUST



IF YOU'D CHASSED
ME OUT TODAY,
I WOULD HAVE
GIVEN UP FOR
GOOD.

BUT I CAN'T
FORGET YOU.

THERE WERE
TIMES WHEN
I THOUGHT ABOUT
GIVING YOU UP...



AH...

IN
COLLEGE,
SASAKI WAS
TWO YEARS
BEHIND ME.

I'LL LEAVE
TOMORROW...

THEN...
IF IT
HADN'T
RAINED...

YEAH...
I KNOW.







WHOA!
THAT'S REALLY
SOMETHING...

WE'RE
AT YOUR
FRONT
DOOR.

CREAK

UHHH...
WE
WERE
YET...?

WOBLE



SURE,
SURE.

SHAGGAP,
I HAD IT
SPARKLIN'
WHEN HE
CAME...!

YOU
BRING YOUR
BOYFRIEND
HERE...?

JUST
GIMME
SOME
WATER-

HERE'S
SOME WATER,
MAG-CHAN.



IS IT BECAUSE
I'M NOT A WOMAN?
OR AM I JUST NOT
GOOD ENOUGH?

BUT
I NEED TO
BE WITH
HIM...

BUT I...

UHHH...

MAG-
CHAN?



SO, SASAKI-
KUN IS BEHAVING
AWAY FOR THE
SAKE OF HIS
LOVELY MAG-
CHAN...

SMART,
HIGH CLASS,
A LITTLE
COLD...

...DON'T
SAY IT LIKE
THAT.



I'M SORRY...
BUT I NEED TO
BE WITH HER.

FWOOSH

BUT THAT LOVE
LASTED ONLY
THREE MONTHS
BEFORE THE
CURTAIN FELL.



HUH?

MIKIO-SAN
ASKED ME
TO TAKE
OVER.

WHAT'RE
YOU DOIN'
HERE?



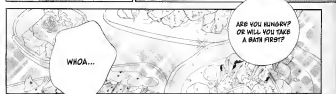
SABE...

MAG-
CHAN?

THE
STRONGEST
VA GOT...



I
COMPLETELY
LOST IT.



AND BEFORE
I REALIZED,
HALF A YEAR
HAD PASSED.

I CAN AT
LEAST TRY
IT MYSELF.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT IT. ♡

NO...
WHAT ABOUT
YOU...?

GO
ANSAG.

SLAP

SASAKI GOT AN
OFFER FROM
A PUBLISHER,
AND STARTED
WORKING THERE
PART TIME AS
AN INTERN.

HE'D
PROBABLY
BE DOWN ON
HIS OWN IF
HE LEFT NOW.

AM!

I'M...
COMING...

IT WOULD
BE EASIER
IF I COULD
RETURN HIS
FEELINGS...

BUT IT'S
UNFAIR
TO THINK
THAT WAY.

THIS
RELATIONSHIP
SHOULDN'T
CONTINUE
IF I DON'T
FEEL THE
SAME WAY
AS DOTS.

BUT I'M THE
ONE THAT
DOESN'T
WANT HIM
TO LEAVE.









KASOB...

SO WHEN HE
RESERVED
A ROOM,
I DIDN'T
REFUSE.

I MET WITH
KIM AGAIN
ONE NIGHT
WHEN SASAKI
WAS OUT
WORKING
LATE.



I WANTED
TO KNOW
HOW I
REALLY
FELT.



"HAI-GRAH"

SHOVE



YOU CAN'T JUST
STOP AFTER WE'VE
COME THIS FAR,
RIGHT?



YANK



I'M SORRY...
I HAVE TO GO.



TO HAI-GRAH
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
KASOB



SLIP



DROOL



...HAI?

KIM PRESENT
WAS A WATCH.



CONSIDERABLY,
KIM PRESENT
WAS ALSO A
WATCH.



WHICH ONE
SHOULD I
WEAR?



WHY AM I
CRYING...?



I FINALLY
REALIZED...



AR...



MAKI-CHAN?

WHEN CAN
I SEE YOU
NEXT?

WHAT MAKES
YOU THINK
THERE'LL
BE A NEXT
TIME??

WHY ARE YOU
SO MAD?

LET GO!



YOU USED TO
LIKE IT WHEN IT
HURT A LITTLE.

AR...

I SAID,
IT HURTS...!



SLAP

W...WAIT...



IT HURTS...



I WAS JUST
AFRAID
YOU'D HATE
ME IF I
COMPLAINED.

WHEN...

NO,
I NEVER
LIKED IT.



MAKI-CHAN,
DOES IT
FEEL
GOOD?

HAHA...

I WAS
GIVING
HIMSELF
HAP SEX
WITH ME.

I LOVE YOU,
MAKI-CHAN.

SASAKI...

HE WOULD
ALWAYS TAKE
GOOD CARE
OF ME.







GO AWAY.
YOU'RE NOT
WANTED.



WHAT?
I'M NOT GOOD
ENOUGH FOR
YOU NOW?!

LET ME GO!
JUST GO
HOME!



KARO'S...



IT'S
BEEN TWO
HOURS
SINCE HE
LEFT.



I THOUGHT I'D
DIE IF HE ASKED
ME TO LEAVE...





...SERIOUSLY?

THUD



YOU REALLY
LOVE ME?

SHIVER

I...DO.



MORE
THAN
ANYTHING...



SASAKI...



I CAN'T
GO ON...

...WITHOUT
YOU.



I'M NO
GOOD...

IT'S...
NO
GOOD.

THAT'S
NOT TRUE!
I'M SURE HE'LL
FORGIVE YOU!



I LOVE YOU.

...WHAT?

MORE THAN
ANYTHING.



I
SAID...

I LOVE
YOU...



I LOVE
YOU.

MAO-
CHAN?

I
LOVE YOU,
SASAKI...

HUH...?





HOW TO BE HAPPY











...IT'S
NOT
SUDDEEN.

SO FOR YOU
TO SAY ALL
THIS SO
SUDDENLY...

THAT'S WHY
I WAS ABLE
TO GET
OVER IT...

AND GO BACK
TO HOW THINGS
WERE.



I'VE...
BEEN THINKING
ABOUT IT...

...EVER SINCE I
TURNED YOU
DOWN.

OR WAS IT
YOSHIE-
SAN?

AFTER
THAT WAS
AKEMI-CHAN
FROM WORK,
RIGHT?

AND THEN
THERE WAS
MAKINO-
CHAN...

WHO I SHOULD
BE GOING OUT
WITH...

LIKE WHEN MY
SEMPAI A YEAR
AHEAD OF ME
CONFERRED
HIS FEELINGS,
AND WE WENT
OUT.

AND MY
CHILDHOOD
FRIEND
MUGGAN.

NO...

THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I MEANT



I FIRST LIKED
I COULD DO
ANYTHING.
I WAS STUPID.



I LOVED
KAZUYUKI
TO NO END...



"I JUST DON'T
SEE YOU THAT
WAY"

"I'M
SORRY"



I THOUGHT
I'D BEEN
DUMPED!

BLUSH!

AFTER THAT, YOU
SPENT A WHOLE
MONTH RUNNING
AWAY FROM ME.

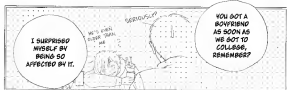


I WAS GRATEFUL
THAT WE COULD
STILL BE FRIENDS
AFTER THAT.

YOU KNOW...
THAT I WAS
REALLY
GRATEFUL,
RIGHT?

ANYWAY,
IT WAS
VERY
CRUEL!

...



ARE YOU IN LOVE
WITH SOMEONE
ELSE NOW?

NO,
I'M NOT!

IT'S NOT
THAT.

SLAP

I...I JUST
CAN'T!

THEN
WHAT...?

YOU...HAVEN'T
CHANGED
SINCE THEN.

BUT...
I HAVE.

AREN'T I THE
SAME PERSON
YOU LOVED
THEN?

HAVE
I CHANGED
THESE PAST
FIVE YEARS?

JUST PLEASE,
DON'T TRY TO
DISAPPEAR
ANYMORE...

IF YOU DON'T
WANT ME,
YOU CAN JUST
SAID SO.

I FALL IN LOVE
TOO EASILY,
AND I'M CLINGY,
AND I GET
JEALOUS!

I'M BAD
WHEN IT
COMES TO
LOVE!

...THAT SOUNDED
LIKE AN EVEN
GREATER
CONFESSION
TO ME...

HOW CAN I
STAND TO HAVE
YOU HATE ME,
TOO?!

I'M
OBNOXIOUS!

SHORT

WANT,
YOU'RE
MAKING
ME...

STOP SMILING!!!
I'M SAYING WE SHOULD
JUST STAY FRIENDS!

7/7
Baka

YOU'VE
WHYING
BACK
OTHER
FOR
REAS

YOU IDIOT.
HOW COULD I
START HATING
YOU NOW?

BUT
THAT...

WOULDN'T RUN
OUR FRIENDSHIP,
RIGHT...?

IF YOU SAY NO,
I'LL JUST GO
BACK TO FLIRTING
WITH GIRLS.

ARE
YOU SURE
YOU'LL BE
OKAY WITH
THAT?

I DON'T
WANT...

WHEN I WAS
A FRESHMAN,
I CONFESSED TO
YOU SO
ENTHUSIASTICALLY.

I'VE LEARNED
THINGS SINCE
THEN.

...TO EVER
HAVE TO
PART FROM
YOU!!!

BUT NOW I KNOW.
LOVE IS NEVER...
AND SO MUCH
MORE.

AND SOMEBODY
IT'LL END.
I KNOW THAT.



BUT IF I DIDN'T
ACT ON THESE
FEELINGS...

I LOVE YOU,
KOLITA.

I WOULDN'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO WITH
MYSELF.

GO OUT
WITH ME.

WELL?
WHAT'S YOUR
ANSWER....?

DAMN IT,
DAMN IT,
DAMN IT...



SOMETIMES
LOVE
DOESN'T.

SOMETIMES
FRIENDSHIPS
FAIL.

BUT YOU'LL
NEVER KNOW
UNTIL YOU TRY.

THAT'S RIGHT...
HE'S ALWAYS
LIKE THIS.



I'M SCARSO,
TOO.

BUT I'M
SCARSO.

THAT'S
WHY I WAS
SO WORRIED
BEFORE
I CONFESSED
TO YOU.

HE'S ALWAYS
SO STRAIGHT-
FORWARD,
AND SPEAKS
WITH SUCH
CONFIDENCE.

I LOSE.

MY ANSWER WAS
DECIDED A LONG
TIME AGO.

YOU'RE ALL
I'VE BEEN ABLE
TO THINK ABOUT.

OKAY...

BESIDES,
ALL THIS
WEEK...



I CAN'T!

IF YOU DON'T,
I'LL BE
EMBARRASSED
TO DEATH!



WHY ARE YOU SO
EMBARRASSED...?

JUST GET
USED TO IT!



WHAT?

WHAT HAPPENED TO
THAT GLIMMER PASSION
HE WARNED ME
ABOUT?



As...

REACH

NOTHING!
I NEED THESE!



NN...

FALLING IN LOVE
AFTER A LONG
FRIENDSHIP HAS
ITS OWN ISSUES



LIKE—
I—
SAID...

AND THAT'S
HOW KAZUYUKI
AND I GOT
TOGETHER.



TAKE OFF
YOUR
GLASSES!!!



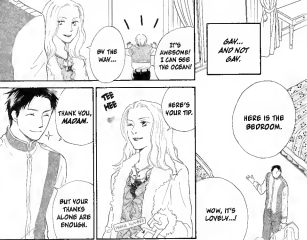
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I WANT TO SEE
YOUR SMILE ONE
LAST TIME.



HOW TO BE HAPPY / END



DIRECTION OF A SMILE

笑顔の行方







ULTRIOR
MOTIVES...

...IN
BED...?!



ON YEAH,
LAST NIGHT WE
WENT DRINKING
WITH THE HOTEL
OWNERS...



NOW
DID THIS
HAPPEN?!



...THAT HE
BOCKED UP
WITH
SOMEONE.

THAT'S
GOLD.

MAN...

SAKO-SAN...

HE HAS
LOOKED PALE
LATELY.

KURODA
DID SAY...

SORRY,
CAN'T HELP
YOU THERE.

VBS!

I WANT TO
BE AT THE
FRONT DESK
LIKE YOU,
SAKO-SAN!

WE USED TO
GO DRINKING
BEFORE
I CAME OUT.

SO...
YOU WANT
TO WORK
THE DESK?

HIS FACE IS
USUALLY
PRETTY GOLD,
BUT IT SOFTENS
THE MOMENT HE
SMILES.

I HOPE YOU CAN
FORGIVE ME FOR
HAVING ULTRIOR
MOTIVES IN
MIND...



YOU
KNOW,
SAKO-
SAN...

SETTING
ASIDE THE
FACT THAT
YOU'RE
COMPLETELY
MY TYPE...

I DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT
WAS GOING
ON.

IT
HAPPENED
SO
SUDDENLY...

MM...

AND A
SURPRISINGLY
WARM TONGUE
SLIPPED INTO
MY MOUTH.

AND HE
NATES
GAYS.

KASH...
WASH...

WUFF

BUT HE'S
RIGHTER UP
THAN ME.

I THOUGHT
HE HATED
ME...

THAT'S ALL
I COULD THINK
ABOUT.

IT WASN'T LIKE
SAKO-SAN
TO GET THIS
DRUNK.

WATER...

I'LL BRING
YOU SOME.

THERE'S NO
WAY HE'D LET
ME DO THAT
NORMALLY.

KASHIMASHI,
YOU'RE
LATE!

HA
HA
HA!

I GOT
THREE LITE,
AND BY THEN
EVERYONE
WAS ALREADY
DONE IN.

HURRY?

HA
HA
HA!

UM...
IS THAT
SAKO-SAN
ASLEEP
THERE?

YEAH, YEAH!
TAKES HIM
NORM, OKAY?

DON'T TALK
ADVANTAGE--

S-SH--

WE'RE
COUNTING
ON YOU--

HA HA HA
HEAN RIGHT

HERE YOU
ARE--

AM!

SPLAT

AND THEN
I HAD A
STRONG
WHIFF OF
ALCOHOL.

GRAP...
DID IT GET
ON YOU?



BETWEEN THE
SEE AND HIS
HANGOVER,
HE MUST BE
IN BAD SHAPES.

HE WAS SO
PALE AS HE
VIELLED AT
ME.

...OF ALL THE
PEOPLE...

IT'S NO
GOOD...

SHIT...!

AS MUCH AS
I REGRET IT,
I CAN'T HELP
BUT REMEMBER
LAST NIGHT.

KASHIWA...

AH!

GET
OUT!!!

GET
OUT...

KEEP
AWAY
FROM
ME!!!

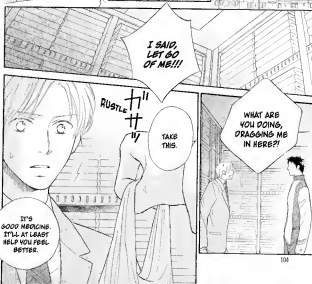
HE'S THE ONE
THAT STARTED IT...

DAMN IT
DAMN IT!

HE LOOKED
SO SCARED...

DOES HE
THINK IT WAS
MY FAULT?!

TAP



LET ME CARRY
YOUR THINGS.

YOSH-SAMA.

AND
THEN...

...A MONTH
PASSED.

BUT I WAS
CONVINCED.

AGAIN...

HE WAS LOOKING
AT ME.

IT'S PATHETIC,
BUT THIS IS
ALL I CAN DO.

I SAID I'D
BACK OFF,
BUT WE BOTH
WORK AT THE
FRONT.

SO WE HAVE
TO SEE EACH
OTHER
SOMETIMES.

PUTTING IN
THE REQUEST
GUARANTEED
NOTHING.

BUT IT WAS
BETTER THAN
DOING
NOTHING.

SO I WENT
TO THE
HIGHER UPS...

...AND
ASKED THEM
TO REASSIGN
ME.

BUT IT MADE
ME HAD TO
THINK THAT I...

...WOULDN'T
GET TO SEE
KIM SMILE
ANYMORE.







I WANT TO TOUCH
YOU ONCE MORE.

AR...

I LOVE YOU,
SAKO-SAN.

I'VE DREAMT
OF YOU EVERY NIGHT,
TOO.

MNN...

I WANT TO
KISS YOU SO
MUCH I CAN'T
STAND IT.



PLEASE,
SAKO-SAN,
JUST LET ME
TOUCH YOU.

STOP...!
NOT HERE...



N...NO,
KASHIWABE...

WUFF

PLEASE,
LET ME
TOUCH YOU,
TOO...

AR...!



YOU REALIZED
IT, TOO,
DIDN'T YOU?

I ACTED LIKE
YOU WERE
DISGUSTING...

I'VE DREAMT
ABOUT YOU EVERY
NIGHT SINCE
THEN.

BUT THE TRUTH
IS I'M WORSE.

THAT NIGHT,
I WAS ~~GLAD~~
YOU SLEPT
WITH ME.

WHAT?



PLEASE
TELL ME,
SAKO-SAN!

YOU'VE
ALWAYS...
WHAT?

IT
CAN'T BE.

BECAUSE I...



LOVED...

MNN!

I'VE ALWAYS...



BUT WHEN
I STARTED DATING
WOMEN,
I ALWAYS FELT
SO UNEASY...

UP UNTIL
COLLEGE,
I COULD DO IT
NORMALLY.

I WAS RAPED.

I WORRIED
ABOUT A LOT OF
THINGS THEN.

BY A MAN...

I COULDN'T
HAVE SEX
AFTER THAT.

IT NEVER
WORKED OUT
BETWEEN ME
AND MY
LOVERS.

HE WAS A
CLASSMATE TWO
YEARS OLDER
THAN ME.







MIX









UNTIL THE DAY
WHEN EXAM
RESULTS WERE
ANNOUNCED...

THAT'S RIGHT.
WE WERE
BEST FRIENDS.



WE
DO...
WRITER



RIGHT,
YAMAZAKI?

IT WAS A
COLD DAY,
AND
SNOWING
LIGHTLY.



WE WIN!
DID YOU
SEE THEM
CRYING?

YOU AND I
ALWAYS SLIP IN
UNDER THE WIRE,
HUN?



YOSHINO...

WHAT?



HEY,
WHAT'S UP
WITH YOU?
YOU FEELING
OKAY?

DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN
AFTER THE
ANNOUNCE-
MENT?



...WHY DON'T YOU
ASK HIM TO HELP
US ARRANGE A MEET?

HUN?

IN
THAT
CASE...

HUN?
OK, YEAH.

YOU LIVE WITH
SOMEONE
FROM THE LAW
DEPARTMENT,
RIGHT?



EVERYONE'S
STAYING.
BUT WE ARE IN
COLLEGE,
AND WE'RE NOT
MEETING
ANYONE!



WE DON'T HAVE
MANY GIRLS HERE
IN THE SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT.



YOU TWO MUST
GET ALONG
REALLY WELL.



THEY ALWAYS
SAID THAT WHEN
FRIENDS LIVE
TOGETHER,
IT NEVER
WORKS OUT.



GREAT!
☆



I'LL ASK
HIM...



YOU GUYS
MUST BE
DOING
PRETTY
WELL.



WELL,
HE BE
MAD...?

I'M SORRY...

JUST AN HOUR BEFORE,
WE WERE
CONGRATULATING
EACH OTHER IN
FRONT OF THE
BULLETIN BOARD

JUMP

WHAT...?!

I REALLY
DO LOVE
YOU.

I TOOK THE RISK SO
I COULD GET INTO
THE SAME COLLEGE
AS YOU, AND KEEP US
TOGETHER A WHILE
LONGER.

I KNOW IT'S
SELFISH OF ME
TO ASK.

...BUT I'VE LOVED
YOU EVER SINCE
FRESHMAN YEAR.

YEAH, I
GUESS YOU
WOULDN'T
WANT TO
HEAR THAT.

BLUSH かあ

BUT IT'S
GOTTEN
HARD...

DOES IT
OBLIVIOUS
YOU?

S-SHUT
IT!

I CAN'T BE WITH
YOU WITHOUT
WANTING TO TOUCH
AND KISS YOU.

I'M
SORRY.

SHAKE

SHAKE

I-I JUST WANT US
TO BE FRIENDS!

I CAN'T.

I WANTED TO
LAUGH IT OFF
AS A JOKE,
BUT HIS EYES
WERE SO
SERIOUS THAT
I COULDN'T.

WHEN WE GET
TO COLLEGE,
I WANT US TO
GO OUT.

NOO

...ARE YOU
SERIOUS?

I'VE
ALWAYS...

AND...
AND IF
I SAY NO?

THEN WE CAN'T
SEE EACH OTHER
ANYMORE.

...LOVED
YOU...





I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED TO
KISS YOU...

W-WAIT A
SECOND...



IT WAS WHILE
WE WERE
CELEBRATING
THE DAY
BEFORE
INSTRUCTION.



WHAT
WAS
THAT?

A
KISS...?



...YOU
DON'T
WANT
TO?



I NEVER
CONSIDERED
WHAT IT
MEANT FOR
BOYFRIENDS
TO BE LIVING
TOGETHER.

SM
SLAVE

WAIT!!!



I CAN'T HOLD
BACK ANY
LONGER.

I WAS
STUPID.

YAMAZAKI



YOU'RE
GOING TO THE
SAME COLLEGE
ANYWAY.
IF YOU GO
TOGETHER ON
THE RENT...

AH?

...I CAN SHOW YOU
SOME BETTER
APARTMENTS.



LIVING
TOGETHER
WAS THE
HOUSING
AGENT'S
IDEA.

WHY DIDN'T YOU
SHARE?



BUT WE FELL
IN LOVE WITH
THE PLACE AT
FIRST SIGHT.



DO YOU WANT
TO SEE ONE?

I DIDN'T
THINK IT
WAS A GOOD
IDEA.



AND
THAT?

SURE
WAS NOT?

HOW
ABOUT
THAT?

I LET MY
GUARD
DOWN.

AFTER HIS
CONFESSION,
YAMAZAKI WENT
BACK TO BEING
LIKE HE WAS
BEFORE.



IN THE
END WE
RENTED IT
TOGETHER.

IT'LL BE
GOOD,
STAYING
WITH
YAMAZAKI.



YOU SHOULD
EAT SOMETHING,
IF YOU CAN...













...SAW IT ONE MORE TIME.

TH-THUMP

I'M SORRY FOR LOVING YOU.

I'M SORRY.



TH-THUMP

SAW THAT YOU LOVE ME...

I'M SORRY...

NO, NOT THAT.



I LOVE YOU.

...ONE MORE TIME.

IT'S NO GOOD.

I LOVE YOU!



N...NO.

...SHOULD I STOP?

AH...!



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あ
あ
BLUSH

2...DON'T SAY THAT...

BUT YOU SEEM MORE SENSITIVE THIS TIME.



VO...
YOSHINO?

DIP

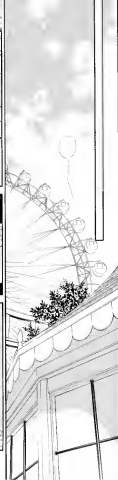
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AH...



I WANTED US...

...TO BE FRIENDS FOREVER.



友情方程式

FRIENDSHIP FORMULA

IF THE WORLD
WERE TO BLUR,
MY OUTLINES
WOULD BLUR,
TOO.

I WANT TO MELT
AWAY INTO THAT
WORLD...

...OF GLIMMERING,
INDISTINCT PURB
WHITE.



NEVER
MIND...

BUT TODAY
WE GET
ALONG.



MIX / END



MAN.

I'M BEING
SUFFOCATED BY
ALL THE THINGS
I DON'T WANT
TO SEE.

THE WORST
PART IS...



...SHE'D NEVER
LOOKED CUTER
THAN WHEN SHE
ASKED ME.

THE GIRL
I LIKE ASKED ME
TO GIVE YOU
A LOVE
LETTER!!!

I WAS
DUMPED...

HUH?

WAAHH!

THAT'S WHY
YOU'RE THE LAST
PERSON I WANT
TO SEE!

MB?

WHOA,
WAIT,
SUGI!!!

DASH!

LEAVE ME
ALOOOOOONE!!!

W
W
W
W
!!!

SHACK!
DON'T RUN
IF YOU CAN'T
SEE...



BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD GIVE IT TO HIM YOURSELF.

I'M SORRY...



THAT SPARKLING
FACE OF HER'S
DISAPPEARED IN
A FLASH.

"I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY,
SUGIMOTO-
KUN."

"AH,
BUT I..."

WE BOTH WENT
PALE AND STOOD
THERE, NOT
KNOWING WHAT
TO DO.

SOUND

AHH

I CAME BACK
TO MY SENSES
TOO LATE.

AND SHE
BREATHED
A SIGH OF
RELIEF
(I DID TOO).

SOUND

THEN ONE OF
HER FRIENDS
SMOVED UP.

"IT'S SORRY"

"LET'S
PRETEND
THIS DIDN'T
HAPPEN."

"DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
THE LOVE
LETTER."

"OH,
SUGIMOTO-
KUN."

AS SHE LIFTED
SHE SMILED
OVER HER
SHOULDER
AND SAID...

GRIP

SUGI!

SAY NO MORE!

GAAH!

I LIKE
YOU...!

BECAUSE
I...

HUH?

OR RATHER,
I CAN'T...

WHAT?

SOUND

GAAH!

CRUSH

S...SUGI?!

RACKING
OFF

AM I AN IDIOT?!
WHY DID I GO
RIGHT INTO A
CONFESSION!!!

WHAT CAN I DO?
TELL HER I PANICKED
AND DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT I WAS SAYING?

AM I
AN IDIOT?

MM-HMM.
FOUR
KILL
FOUR

WHAT?!
YOU DID?



HEY, SUGO.

AM?



HEY,
YOU CAN'T SEE
MY FACE NO
MATTER HOW
CLOSE I GET,
RIGHT?

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING,
YOU DUMB
BASTARD?!

THROB

THROB



HUN?



...HE'S
NOT EVEN
LISTENING
TO ME!

RIGHT.

LIKE I SAID,
I DON'T WANT TO
SEE YOUR FACE
AT ALL!

THROB
THROB



IF IT
WERE
ME...

I DON'T
EXIST...

YOU'RE
DIFFERENT
FROM ME.

I'D THROW
OUT MY
GLASSES,
TOO!



I'M SO
STUPID...

I GET IT.

AND
COMPLETELY
LAME.

I DON'T WANT TO
LOOK AT MYSELF,
BITTER.



THERE PROBABLY
ISN'T ANY GIRL WHO
WOULD FALL IN LOVE
WITH ME.



SEE...!





ANYWAY
SEE? THERE'S
SOMEONE WHO'S
FALLEN FOR YOU
AFTER ALL.



I'M
GOING
HOME!!!

WHAT?

スタン
ド



I-

I-

YOU'RE...



AND I
LIKE YOU.
♡

POINT



UHH...

NO WAY

STONE

AGAIN...

GODS,
TURNED HIM
TO STONE...



NO
WAY!!!

NO WAY

KISS

ONE
MORE.



UP UNTIL NOW,
OUR
RELATIONSHIP
HID BEEN
EQUAL.

BUT WITH
THIS...



...I DON'T THINK
I'D BE QUITE
AS UPST.



I CAN'T HELP
BUT FEEL THAT
IT'S COMING
APART.

THE TRUTH IS,
IF IT HADN'T
BEEN NITTA
THAT SHE
LIKED...

MAYBE THAT'S JUST
A REALITY I DON'T
WANT TO FACE.



ONE MORE
THING I DON'T
WANT TO SEE.

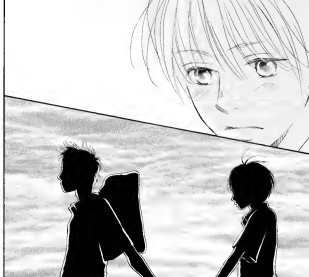
DON'T BE STUPID,
I CAN'T DO THAT!

LET GO!!!





FRIENDSHIP FORMULA / END





THEY WERE WAY BETTER THAN THE ONES MY MOM BUYS FROM THE SUPERMARKET.

THOSE BOXED LUNCHES WERE REALLY GREAT.

THEY WERE PRETTY GOOD FOR BEING BOUGHT AT THE TRAIN STATION!

NAO WAS IN A GOOD MOOD THE ENTIRE HOUR HE WAS ON THE TRAIN.



THAT...

THE OCEAN...

WHOA

OH



PRETENDING TO BE ASLEEP, I LEAN AGAINST HIM.

卒業旅行
GRADUATION TRIP

EXTRAS

*BECAUSE OF THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE PAGES, THIS ACTUALLY COMES FIRST

HELLO EVERYONE! I AM KIYO UEDA

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BUYING MY VERY FIRST COMIC!!! I WONDER IF THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE WHO WERE ATTRACTED TO IT BECAUSE OF THE AMAZING BINDING...? IT WAS DRAWN BY MISS KUGI YAMADA, BY THE WAY! WHEN I RECEIVED THE FAX SHOWING THE SKETCH FOR THE BINDING, I WAS VERY MOVED...! I THOUGHT I'D DROWN IN MY OWN NOSE BLEED. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, MISS KUGI! I KNOW HOW BUSY YOU ARE!!!

-WELL THEN, ABOUT MY EXPERIENCE WITH BL-

I DREW MY FIRST BL THREE YEARS AGO. IT WAS A DOUJINSHI CALLED "FRIENDSHIP FORMULA." BACK THEN, I NEVER THOUGHT THIS DAY WOULD COME NOT IN MY WILDEST DREAMS! I LIKE BL MORE THAN I LIKE THREE MEALS A DAY, AND SO AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED, DRAWING WAS LIKE INFINITY UNFOLDING IN FRONT OF ME (OR LIKE BEING LOST IN A TUNNEL WITH NO EXIT WITH MY EYELIDS CROWDING HEAVY) AND YET, I SOMEHOW MANAGED TO COME THIS FAR, CHEERED ON BY MY LOVE OF BL AND THE WARM-HEARTED ENCOURAGEMENT OF MY READERS. THIS REALLY IS A MANGA MEANT FOR THE READERS. THESE DAYS, PEOPLE REALLY APPRECIATE AESTHETICS. AND YET PARTS OF THE STORY AND ART ARE STILL SOMEWHAT CHILDISH, SOMETIMES I HAVE A HARD TIME LOOKING AT IT. TWO OF THE STORIES ARE EVEN REPRINTS FROM MY DOUJINSHI. I'M VERY SORRY TO ALL OF YOU FOR THAT, BUT I AM STILL VERY ATTACHED TO EACH OF THE STORIES. IF YOU LIKE AT LEAST ONE OF THEM, I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER FROM NOW ON I'LL BE WORKING HARD TO CONTINUE MY WORK. I HOPE YOU'LL STAY WITH ME.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY MANAGER, FORMER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AT BASIL COMICS, FOR HELPING TO PUT THIS COMIC TOGETHER. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK S FROM TAIDH GROUP, FOR BEING SO NICE TO ME EVEN WHEN I WAS HOPELESS AND CAUSED TROUBLE ALL THE TIME. AND TO ALL MY VERY CAPABLE INSTRUCTORS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS PUBLICATION POSSIBLE, I HAVE NO WORDS TO EXPRESS HOW GRATEFUL I AM FOR THE OPPORTUNITY YOU HAVE GIVEN ME. ALL OF YOU WHO FOUGHT ALONGSIDE ME, THIS BOOK COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MADE WITHOUT YOUR HELP. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

FINALLY, TO ALL MY READERS WHO HAVE READ THIS FAR, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!! SORRY FOR HAVING SUCH WORDY EXTRAS.

STARTING ON THE NEXT PAGE IS A CONTINUATION OF "COLOR OF LOVE." IT WAS MORE EMBARRASSING TO DO THAN THE OTHERS SINCE IT'S ABOUT VIRGINS, BUT I'M GLAD I GOT TO TAKE THEM THIS FAR. I HOPE THAT WE CAN MEET AGAIN SOMETIME... TAKE CARE, EVERYONE! ♥♥

KIYO UEDA







I WAS WRONG.

AR...

BUT...

YOU'VE
ALWAYS...

I'M THE ONE
WHO COULDN'T BE
TRUSTED...

...NAO.

I LOVE YOU.

TAI...

KISS

I LOVE
YOU.

THEN WHY ARE
YOU MAKING
THAT FACE?

YOU DON'T REALLY
THINK THIS'LL BE
OVER ONCE WE
GRADUATE,
DO YOU?

"THIS IS OUR
LAST CHANCE..."

DON'T YOU
TRUST ME?!

AND I'M ALL
RIGHT WITH
THAT...

BUT...ONCE
YOU'RE IN
COLLEGE...

YOU'LL
MEET LOTS OF
PEOPLE...

YOU'LL FIND
SOMEONE YOU LIKE
BETTER THAN ME...

DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS!

...!





GRADUATION TRIP / END

